

Introduced by Senator Figueroa

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An act to add Section 121916 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to sentry dogs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 769, as introduced, Figueroa. Sentry dogs.

Existing law establishes limitations and procedures with respect to the use of sentry dogs.

This bill would require any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation that operates or maintains a business to sell, rent, or lease the services of sentry dogs shall obtain a permit from the local public agency or private society or pound contracting with the local public agency for animal care or protection services. The bill would also require each local agency to adopt and implement a permit program for the administration of the permit requirement by the local agency or private society or pound contracting with the local public agency for animal care or protection services.

To the extent this bill would increase the responsibilities of local agencies, this bill would result in a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 121916 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:

3 121916. (a) Any person, firm, partnership, association, or
4 corporation that operates or maintains a business to rent sentry
5 dogs shall obtain a permit from the local public agency or private
6 society or pound contracting with the local public agency for
7 animal care or protection services.

8 (b) Each local agency shall adopt and implement a permit
9 program for the administration of subdivision (a) by the local
10 agency or private society or pound contracting with the local
11 public agency for animal care or protection services.

12 (c) For purposes of this section, “local public agency” means
13 a city, county, or city and county.

14 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
15 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
16 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
17 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
18 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
19 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
20 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
21 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
22 Fund.

